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and good" and "quick and cheap,"
and should have included the dif-
ference between honesty and dishonesty.

Don't be offended my friends, and don't let me tell the truth. America is necessarily crude in some things, because it is a new country. It is less experienced than do I am in human ways. But there are some things in which it is not crude, and one of them is municipal corruption, and this condition is affecting the improvement of society. In this, affecting art, education, yes, it is affecting even the life of our nation.

Let us not be so bigoted in our love of Italy, that we will not see the man who has blinded to the evils and dangers that menace it. Let us not be so bigoted that we will imagine we have the virtues and good things of existence.

Italy. Italy At Its Best.

Italy is the most cultured and most modern city in Italy. It is the center of art and music. It is rather a commercial than a manufacturing city. There are some factories of art, and I do not know who have to have as many good things to say of other Italian cities I shall visit, as I shall say of this. I shall give the bad, and good, and the true.

It is not for me to say here, I will admit that any man is a better American than myself, or has more pride for home and native land.

I will say that any man loves better her mountains, her valleys, her forests, her green-carpeted plains, her rills, her flowers, or her sunshiny tangled in the shade of her wild woods.

But when it comes to Humanity, of which I am much my brother, and the Americans. Whatever affects his happiness, liberty and prosperity, affects my own.

I prefer to let the bad, but, I never have travelled, I have noticed that the sun has shined upon all men with impartial light. As Shakespeare says:

"The sun with one eye vieweth all the world;
He finds the proud tops of the Eastern
peaks, and darts his light through every
gully hole."

I propose to tell you just what I see
hear and know. This much I have
already—there is not a very
great difference between nations, but
the social and economic
defects seen in governments here are
duplicated in our own. All nations
have something superior in them-
selves and peculiarities themselves,
but it must not be forgotten that
most largely are as climate and soil
are climate and soil.

Farming.

As far as I have seen, it is generally
good in America, and it is better
cultivated. The science of agriculture
consists of getting much of
the soil as you can without doing
injury to the land, and then
improve it. In America they
get one crop and take it from
the soil. Therefore the European
farmers, the better part, are not
so good as the Americans. Here
we have more wheat and oats and hay. The
most painstaking care is observed
everywhere. The wheat stacks, with
thatched coverings, are built
perfectly, that they are almost
water-tight.

Italy is also a beautiful and
fertile country. Every soil is
cultivated here, but fruit culture
predominates. I will speak further of
agriculture when I see more of it, but, so
far, I judge the Italian to be a skillful
farmer.

Public Improvements.

In America, the public works, but how
poorly done, the transportation to be
considered. Public improvements, and
besides a big "rake-off" must be cal-
culated in every contract. This is due
to the coffee-train, to our
immigration, and the result
is inferior public construction everywhere.

The same is also to be observed
in our public works.

As to the people, the poorer classes
are less favorable to our own.

As to the wealthy, the poor classes
are less favorable to our own.

The average crowd on the streets com-
pare in appearance with the people of

New York, London, Paris, and
Milan.

Milan is a beautiful city, sum-
ptuous palaces, elegant shops, are
music and general gaiety of the people.

The same is also to be observed
in the American cities, but
of course it has not the traffic we

have to them up.

As to the wealthy, the poor classes
are less favorable to our own.

The turn-pikes are as beautiful as
any road in America, and better than
any road in Italy. Here

the government owns the railways.

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